

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	O'Donnell et al.	)	Examiner:
Serial No.	:	10/671,207	)	R. Hutson
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For	:	NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING BACILLUS	)	
		STEAROTHERMOPHILUS BETA	)	
		POLYMERASE SUBUNIT	)	

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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** appear beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.